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SUBJECT: GEOCEIVER SUPPORT TO AUSTRALIA FOR INDONESIAN

GEODETIC SURVEY

REF: A. STATE 148862 B. CANBERRA 3373

1. THROUGH THE AUSTRALIAN ARMY STAFF IN WASHINGTON, DEFENSE MAPPING AGENCY (DMA) HAS RECEIVED AN INQUIRY REGARDING THE FEASIBILITY OF LENDING TWO GEOCEIVERS TO THE AUSTRALIAN ARMY FOR USE IN 1974 AUSTRALIAN MAPPING PROGRAMS IN INDONESIA. AUSTRALIA IS CURRENTLY NEGOTIATING FOR THE PURCHASE OF GEOCEIVERS FROM US, BUT LEAD TIMES ARE SUCH THAT AUSTRALIA WILL EXPERIENCE DIFFICULTY IN COMPLETING THIS PROGRAM UNLESS IT CAN OBTAIN TWO GEOCEIVERS ON LOAN FROM DMA IN ADVANCE OF 1974 SURVEY. AUSTRALIA WOULD ALSO REQUIRE THE SERVICES OF A DMA TECHNICAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR ON-SITE MAINTENANCE OF EQUIPMENT DURING THE PERIOD OF THE LOAN.

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2. DMA ALSO WOULD LIKE AUSTRALIA TO PROVIDE THE US WITH

## DOPPLER GEODETIC DATA RESULTS.

3. DMA PLANS TO ADVISE THE AUSTRALIAN ARMY THAT A LOAN OF GEOCEIVERS CAN BE ARRANGED DURING APRIL-SEPTEMBER, 1974, SUBJECT TO EMBASSY JAKARTA AND GOI APPROVAL FOR THE ENTRY

OF ONE DMA TECHNICIAN INTO INDONESIA AND PROVISION OF GEODETIC DATA TO USG.

- 4. BY REF A, DMA REQUESTED THAT THE MATTER OF A BILATERAL AGREEMENT WITH AUSTRALIA FOR DMA SUPPORT NOT BE PURSUED, AND THAT SEPARATE ACTION WOULD BE INITIATED IF A NEED FOR A BILATERAL AGREEMENT RESULTED FROM CONTINUED DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN DMA AND COL. NOLAN, DIRECTOR OF MILITARY SURVEY, AUSTRALIAN ARMY HEADQUARTERS, REGARDING POSSIBLE U.S. ASSISTANCE FOR 1974 SURVEY SEASON. DMA WOULD PREFER TO HANDLE THE GEOCEIVER AND TECHNICIAN LOAN ON AN INFORMAL BASIS, AND NOT REVIVE THE QUESTION OF A FORMAL BILATERAL AGREEMENT WITH AUSTRALIA AS PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED. BY REF B, EMBASSY REPORTED THAT COL. NOLAN INDICATED HE BELIEVED THE AGREEMENT OF GENERAL PRANOTO WOULD BE A SUFFICIENT BASIS FOR HIM TO PROVIDE RESULTS OF MAPPING TO US.
- 5. SINCE GEOCEIVER LOAN IS REQUIRED TO MEET INDONESIAN AND AUSTRALIAN 1974 SURVEY OBJECTIVES, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF ALL PARTIES TO ARRANGE A LOAN OF GEOCEIVERS, ON AN INFORMAL BASIS, TOGETHER WITH ASSIGNMENT OF ONE US TECHNICIAN TO AUSTRALIAN SURVEY TEAM IN INDONESIA. THEREFORE, REQUEST EMBASSY SEEK GOI APPROVAL (1) FOR ENTRY OF ONE US CIVILIAN TECHNICIAN INTO INDONESIA DURING APRIL-SEPTEMBER 1974 TO ASSIST AUSTRALIAN ARMY SURVEY PROGRAM AND (2) FOR AUSTRALIA TO RELEASE DOPPLER GEODETIC DATA RESULTS TO USG. IN VIEW OF THE URGENT NEED OF THE AUSTRALIAN ARMY FOR THIS EQUIPMENT AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, EMBASSY SHOULD PRESENT THIS PROPOSAL AS AN AD HOC TEMPORARY ARRANGEMENT NOT IN ANY WAY CONNECTED WITH LONG-RANGE MAP EXCHANGE AGREEMENT CURRENTLY BEING NEGOTIATED BY THE EMBASSY WITH GOI. KISSINGER

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